supplements the efforts of the States with financial and logistic support. There is ready availability of funds with the States under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take necessary measures. The Government of India and State Government concerned contribute to CRF in the ratio of 3:1 Additional assistance, over and above CRF, is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), if necessary, for natural calamities of severe nature, in accordance with an established procedure, on submission of Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF by the State Government. No memorandm for Central assistance has been received from any State Government for the current drought.

Irrigation management under Food Security Mission

1966. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to launch Food Security Mission during the current year;

(b) if so, the financial allocation for this purpose and whether such mission would give prime importance for irrigation management, since lack of irrigation management is the main cause for the decline of food production;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 305 identified districts of 16 States from Rabi 2007-08 with an aim to increase the additional production of 20 million tonnes of foodgrains, comprising of 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses, by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12). The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has three components *viz.* National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice), National Food Secrurity Mission-wheat (FSM-Wheat) and National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses). A Budget allocation of Rs. 402.00 crore has been made during the year 2007-08 for the purpose. Keeping in view the importance of irrigation in accelerating the production of wheat and pulses, provision for pilot project on community generators for irrigation in shallow water table areas, diesel pump sets under NFSM-Wheat and distribution of sprinkler sets under NFSM-Pulses has been made.

Floriculture Board

1967. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a Floriculture Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration;

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely